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Greece, Creditors Strike Deal, Euro Exit Avoided

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras speaks with the media after a meeting of eurozone heads of state at the EU Council building in Brussels on Monday, July 13, 2015. A summit of eurozone leaders reached a tentative agreement with Greece on Monday for a bailout program that includes "serious reforms" and aid, removing an immediate threat that Greece could collapse financially and leave the euro.

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At Press Time:

Diplomats say Iran nuclear agreement is imminent

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Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — An Iran nuclear agreement appeared likely within hours, diplomats said late Monday after a day in which American and Iranian negotiators appeared to be struggling to clear final obstacles and looking like they'd miss their fourth deadline in less than two weeks.

Three diplomats familiar with the talks said the announcement could come early Tuesday, possibly during pre-dawn hours in Vienna. One said some of the top officials involved in the negotiation needed to leave Austria's capital in the morning, thus hastening the declaration.

The diplomats weren't authorized to speak publicly on the status of the negotiations and demanded anonymity. Their reports of a breakthrough capped a seesaw day of developments that started with high hopes for an accord. The mood soured as vexing questions including the future of a U.N. arms embargo on Iran proved troublesome.

As a midnight target for a deal approached in Vienna, diplomats said the nuts and bolts of the written nuclear accord had been settled days ago. And Iranian President Hassan Rouhani briefly raised ex-



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif talks to journalist from a balcony of the Palais Coburg where closed-door nuclear talks with Iran continue in Vienna, Austria, Monday, July 13, 2015.
(AP Photo/Ronald Zak)

pectations of an imminent breakthrough by proclaiming on Twitter: "Iran Deal is the victory of diplomacy & mutual respect over the outdated paradigm of exclusion & coercion. And this is a good beginning." Minutes later, Rouhani's tweet was deleted. He then retransmitted it, adding the word "If" in front of "Iran Deal" to reflect that negotiators weren't there yet. The proposed pact would impose long-term and verifiable limits on Iran's nuclear program and provide the Islamic Republic tens of billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions.

At the White House, press secretary Josh Earnest said the talks were "making genuine progress," and

the American negotiating team under Secretary of State John Kerry would remain in Vienna as long as the negotiations advanced. If a deal wasn't reached Monday, he said, the 20-month-old provisional constraints on Iran's enrichment of possible bomb-making material and other nuclear activity would remain in force as the diplomacy continued. The current round of talks is already in its 17th day. Already Sunday, diplomats spoke of clinching the complete agreement within hours, only to then say the final signoff would have to come the following day. As Monday evening arrived, they offered a similar refrain.

"No deal on Monday, nu-

clear agreement possible on Tuesday," Iran's state-run Press TV said in a bulletin attributed to Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

The U.N. ban on Iran importing or exporting conventional weapons wasn't clearly defined when world powers and Tehran reached a framework deal in April.

A U.S. statement issued at the time said the final agreement would result in "the comprehensive lifting of all U.N. Security Council sanctions" on Iran, which could be interpreted to include the arms embargo. But the U.S. also said at the time that "important restrictions on conventional arms and ballistic missiles" would be incorporated in

any new U.N. guidelines for Iran.

Washington wants to maintain the ban on importing and exporting weapons, concerned that an Iran flush with cash from the nuclear deal would expand its military assistance for Syrian President Bashar Assad's government, Yemen's Houthi rebels, the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah and other forces opposing America's Mideast allies such as Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Iranian leaders say the embargo must end as their forces are combating regional scourges such as the Islamic State. And they're getting support from both Russia and China, who want at least a partial lifting of the restrictions. Moscow, in particular, hopes to expand military cooperation and arms sales to Tehran, including the long-delayed transfer of S-300 advanced air defense systems — a move long opposed by the United States.

Diplomats reported at least two other issues beside the arms embargo proving difficult: How to finalize a long-stymied U.N. investigation of alleged nuclear weapons work by Tehran and Iran's demand that any U.N. Security Council resolution approving the broader deal no longer describe Iran's nuclear activities as illegal. □



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Wisconsin Gov. Walker enters crowded Republican race

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WAUKESHA, Wisconsin (AP)

— Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker vowed Monday to fight for America's interests abroad and for his conservative policies in Washington, launching a 2016 presidential bid by highlighting his clashes with labor unions as he entered the already crowded Republican field. The 47-year-old second-term governor embraced his "fighter" reputation as he formally declared his candidacy in an evening speech, his family at his side, and protesters gathered just outside the convention hall.

He becomes the 15th high-profile candidate to enter the Republican presidential contest, yet claims to occupy a unique space in the congested field. He not only fights for conservative principles, he says, but he also wins elections and policy debates in a state that typically supports Democrats in presidential elections. "Americans deserve a president who will

fight and win for them," Walker declared. "You see, it doesn't matter if you're from a big city, a suburb or a small town, I will fight and win for you. Healthy or sick, born or unborn, I will fight and win for you."

Walker left little doubt that his successful, if divisive, fights with labor unions would serve as the foundation for his presidential campaign. Through five years in office, Walker enacted policies weakening organized labor's political power and became the first governor in U.S. history to defeat a recall election. "Scott Walker is a national disgrace," said AFL-CIO labor federation President Richard Trumka, among the many detractors who lashed out against Walker's candidacy on Monday.

Walker also highlighted a series of lesser-known triumphs he says set him apart from the crowded Republican field.

He cut income and corporate taxes by nearly \$2 billion, lowered property taxes, legalized the carrying of concealed weap-



Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker waves to supporters after announcing that he is running for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination at the Waukesha County Expo Center, Monday, July 13, 2015, in Waukesha, Wis.

(AP Photo/Morry Gash)

ons, made abortions more difficult to obtain, and required photo identification when voting. His budget this year, which plugged a \$2.2 billion shortfall when he signed it into law Sunday, requires drug screenings for public benefit recipients,

expands a program to provide vouchers to pay for private school tuition, and freezes tuition at the University of Wisconsin while cutting funding by \$250 million and removing tenure protections for professors from state law.

Such achievements may appeal to conservatives who hold outsized sway in Republican primaries, yet some could create challenges in a general election should Walker ultimately become the Republican nominee. □

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Son of Boston police captain charged in terror bomb plot

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The son of a Boston police captain has been arrested in an FBI sting and accused of plotting to commit terrorist acts in support of the Islamic State group, including the setting off of pressure-cooker bombs at an unidentified university and the slaughter of students live online.

Alexander Ciccolo's own father alerted authorities last fall that the younger man had a long history of mental illness and was talking about joining the Islamic State, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release details.

Ciccolo, 23, of Adams, was charged in a criminal complaint unsealed Monday with illegal possession of a firearm for receiving four guns July 4 from a person cooperating with the Western Massachusetts Joint Terrorism Task Force. Because of a drunken driving conviction, Ciccolo was barred from having a gun.

Ciccolo's father, Robert Ciccolo, is a 27-year veteran of the Boston police force.

"While we were saddened and disappointed to learn of our son's intentions, we are grateful that authorities were able to prevent any loss of life or harm to others," Ciccolo's parents said in a statement.

In court papers, the FBI said Ciccolo, also known as Abu Ali al Amriki, had talked with the cooperating witness in recorded conversations in June about his plans to commit acts inspired by the Islamic State.

Ciccolo initially talked about killing civilians, police officers and members of the U.S. military but later



FBI Director James Comey speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. The son of a Boston police captain has been arrested in an FBI sting and accused of plotting to commit terrorist acts in support of the Islamic State group.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

said he wanted instead to attack a state university outside Massachusetts because more people would be there, according to the FBI. The FBI said the attack would include executions of students, broadcast live over the Internet.

The day before his arrest,

agents watched Ciccolo at Wal-Mart buying a pressure cooker similar to those used in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings, the FBI said. His attorney, David Hoose, did not immediately return calls for comment.

Ciccolo first came to the attention of the terrorism task

force on Sept. 11 last year, when a close acquaintance — identified by the two law enforcement officials as Ciccolo's father — told the FBI that Ciccolo had expressed a desire to go overseas and fight for the Islamic State, according to court papers.

The acquaintance told the FBI that Ciccolo had a long history of mental illness and in the last 18 months "had become obsessed with Islam." The person also told the FBI he had received texts from Ciccolo in which he said America was "Satan" and Americans were disgusting.

The FBI said Ciccolo told the cooperating witness he planned to attack the university with assault rifles and explosives, focusing on dorms and the cafeteria during lunch because it would be packed with people.

He also allegedly said that if

a student was a Muslim, "he would be permitted to help, sit tight or leave." Ciccolo told the witness that the Boston Marathon bombing gave him the idea of using pressure-cooker bombs, the FBI said.

The FBI said it found several partially constructed Molotov cocktails, two machetes and a long curved knife during a search of his apartment.

After Ciccolo's arrest, he grabbed a pen during a jailhouse medical screening and stabbed a nurse in the head, according to the FBI. The FBI and Department of Homeland Security had warned recently of a heightened terror threat tied to the Fourth of July. FBI Director James Comey said last week that the FBI believes it stopped acts of violence in the month before the holiday with the arrests of more than 10 people, but he gave no details. □

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Clinton: US needs a 'growth and fairness economy'

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton laid out her agenda to help American workers on Monday, pledging to build a "growth and fairness economy" if elected to the White House that would boost wages that have remained stagnant since the Great Recession.

In her first major economic speech of her presidential campaign, Clinton vowed to crack down on Wall Street excess and warned that a large field of Republican White House hopefuls would promote tax cuts and return to policies that would balloon the national debt. She singled out three prominent Republican candidates by name, including former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, whom she accused of failing to under-



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the National Council of La Raza Annual Conference Monday, July 13, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

stand the plight of workers. "You may have heard Governor Bush say last week that Americans just need to work longer hours. Well, he must not have met very many American workers," Clinton said at The New

School in New York, urging Bush to speak to nurses, truckers or fast food workers. "They don't need a lecture. They need a raise." Bush, during an event in Sioux City, Iowa, said Clinton believed that it didn't

matter that 6.5 million people were only able to work part-time instead of holding full-time jobs. "Hillary Clinton believes that 2 percent growth, apparently the new normal, is acceptable," Bush said.

He told reporters that Clinton's policies would not grow the economy or boost wages. "Her policies are a continuation of the Obama economics which has been a complete disaster," Bush said. He said he wanted to reform taxes and regulations to grow the economy.

In an agenda-setting address, Clinton sought to appeal to liberal voters within her party who have questioned her willingness to regulate Wall Street and rallied behind her chief Democratic rival, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. The message also appeared aimed at anxious voters who have seen little gains in their paychecks even as the nation moves past the Great Recession.

"As the shadow of crisis recedes and longer-term challenges come into focus, I believe we have to build a growth and fairness economy," Clinton said. "You can't have one without the other."

Clinton said she would propose more public investment in infrastructure projects, advance renewable energy and tax cuts for small business owners. She expressed support for an increase in the federal minimum wage, an overhaul to the tax code, and policy proposals related to child care and paid family leave.

Clinton, who maintained strong ties to Wall Street as a New York senator, pushed back against the industry, saying the largest financial institutions had too often focused on short-term profits instead of helping grow the economy. □

Man accused of threatening Boehner ruled insane

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Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — A former Cincinnati-area bartender who said he believed House Speaker John Boehner was the devil was found not guilty by reason of insanity Monday of threatening to kill the Republican congressional leader.

Federal Judge Timothy Black found Michael Hoyt not guilty of a charge of threatening to kill a U.S. official.

Authorities had accused Hoyt of threatening to kill Boehner, either with a gun or by poisoning his drink.

The judge ruled that Hoyt

was insane at the time of the alleged offense and ordered him to a federal medical facility for evaluation.

Black scheduled an Aug. 21 hearing to determine whether Hoyt, who has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, is mentally stable enough to be released or could be dangerous to others. Hoyt could have been sentenced to 10 years in prison if found guilty.

Boehner's office declined to comment on the verdict. Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah Grimes would not comment after the trial, but said in court that prosecu-

tors accepted the forensic psychologist's report on Hoyt's mental state at the time of the alleged offense. "We believe this was the right verdict in this type of case," defense attorney Candace Crouse said.

The judge read from court documents Monday saying Hoyt, of the Cincinnati suburb of Deer Park, had a history of mental illness since he was struck on the head in 2012.

Hoyt was indicted in January. A separate criminal complaint filed in November 2014 said he was fired last fall from a suburban country club where Boehner is a member. Hoyt said

he began hearing voices after his firing, telling him Boehner was evil, according to court documents cited Monday.

Hoyt was treated for a psychotic episode after his head injury and later stopped taking prescribed medication.

Court documents said Hoyt came to authorities' attention when he called the police emergency dispatcher on Oct. 29.

He told officers dispatched to his Deer Park home that he was Jesus Christ and was going to kill Boehner because Boehner was mean to him and responsible for Ebola. □



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Report: Many immigrants re-arrested after detainers declined

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than 1,800 immigrants that the federal government wanted to deport were nevertheless released from local jails and later re-arrested for various crimes, according to a government report released Monday.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement report — obtained by an organization that actively opposes illegal immigration — said the re-arrested immigrants were among 8,145 people who were freed between January and August 2014 despite requests from federal agents that they be held for deportation.

More than 250 jurisdictions across the U.S. — including some designated as sanctuary cities, such as San Francisco — have stopped fully honoring so-called immigration detainers, saying they can't hold arrestees beyond their scheduled release dates without probable cause. California and Connecticut have passed state laws to limit the use of immigration detainers and jails in states from Oregon to Iowa also refuse to honor the requests.

In the report provided by the Washington-based Center for Immigration Studies, the top crimes for which immigrants were re-arrested were drug violations and drunken driving. The report also cited six examples involving more serious offenses, including a San Mateo County case in which an individual was arrested for investigation of five felony sex crimes involving a child under 14.

"This is a genuine safety problem, and also a crisis for immigration enforcement,"

said Jessica Vaughan, the center's director of policy studies.

The controversy surrounding immigration detainers has re-entered the national spotlight since the shooting death of 32-year-old Kathryn Steinle on a San Francisco pier. Suspect Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez was released from jail in April even though federal immigration officials had lodged a detainer to try to deport him from the U.S. for a sixth time.

San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi has argued he was upholding local law and that detainers are not a legal way to keep someone in custody and have been proven to erode police relations with immigrant communities.

Immigrant advocates said immigration agents already have information about who is in local jails, and they can make the arrests on their own.

"It is not correct to point to the detainers as the reason why people are getting re-arrested," said Jennie Pasquarella, a staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. "ICE has had, and continues to have and develop its tools to be able to prioritize people who it believes are priority for removal, and to pick up those people."

So far this year, the Obama administration is on track to remove the fewest number of immigrants from the country since 2006. In 2012, the government sent home a record of more than 409,000 immigrants, with help from a program that automatically alerts federal agents every time someone with an immigration record is arrested. □



San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi fields questions during an interview in San Francisco. Mirkarimi's jail released a Mexican national wanted by federal immigration authorities who wanted to deport the man for the sixth time. The jail's decision to release Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, who is charged with randomly shooting to death a young San Francisco woman shortly after his release, has placed Mirkarimi squarely in the center of a national debate over immigration. (AP Photo/Ben Margot)




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Greece strikes deal with creditors, avoids euro exit



Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, right, and Greek Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos, second right, speak with Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Kotzias after a meeting of eurozone heads of state at the EU Council building in Brussels on Monday, July 13, 2015. A summit of eurozone leaders reached a tentative agreement with Greece on Monday for a bailout program that includes "serious reforms" and aid, removing an immediate threat that Greece could collapse financially and leave the euro.

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BRUSSELS (AP) — After grueling, often angry negotiations that tested the limits of European unity, Greece struck a preliminary rescue deal with its creditors Monday that should avert an imminent financial catastrophe but also guarantees years more hardship and sacrifice for its people. Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras flew home to sell the bailout plan to skeptical lawmakers and political allies, some of whom accused him of selling Greece out. Panos Kammenos, leader of the junior partner in Tsipras' coalition government, denounced the deal as a German-led "coup." "This deal introduced many new issues ... we cannot agree with it," he said after meeting with Tsipras. Other Greeks rallied Mon-

day night before Parliament in Athens, urging lawmakers to reject the new demands. To close the deal with his partners in the euro currency, Tsipras had to consent to a raft of austerity measures, including sales tax hikes and pension and labor reforms — measures he had campaigned vociferously against over the last five years of Greece's financial crisis. Since his election in January, the youthful Tsipras has faced intense pressure to backpedal on many of his promises to Greece's exhausted electorate. Finally, faced Sunday by the leaders of the 18 other nations that share the euro and the knowledge that Greek banks were just days from running out of money, the moment came when he couldn't resist any more. A series of supposed red

lines vanished, including objections to tight international oversight of Greece's economy, continued involvement by the International Monetary Fund in Greece's bailout program and cuts to pensions. The result of marathon negotiations emerged Monday: about 85 billion euros (\$95.1 billion) in loans and financial support for Greece over three years that will preserve its membership in the euro, shore up its banks and allow a modicum of stability to return to the battered Greek economy. Creditors have also dangled the carrot of a possible future debt restructuring in the event of a smooth bailout. "We managed to avoid the most extreme measures," Tsipras said. But in many cases, ordinary Greeks now face tougher measures than those they

voted down in a nationwide referendum a little over a week ago.

Syriza's Left Platform, a group of traditionalists in Tsipras' own party, swiftly denounced the agreement as the "worst deal possible ... (one) that maintains the country's status: a debt colony under a German-run European Union." Financial experts themselves were divided over the result.

"It was the best deal the Greeks could get," says Jacob Kirkegaard, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "They did not do too badly given the terrible, terrible, disastrous starting point the current government put them in." But Ashoka Mody, visiting professor of international finance at Princeton University, says the deal just repeats policies that have already failed.

"The economics of this program have been set up for failure," he told The Associated Press. "In three years, if this program is implemented, the Greek economy will be 10 percent smaller than it was and the debt burden will be higher." In many ways, Tsipras' hard work begins now. As part of the deal, his government has to get the Greek Parliament to back a series of economic measures by Wednesday that creditors are demanding. And in the weeks to come, Greece will have to make further changes to its economy, such as opening to competition industries like energy that have long been protected.

"Trust needs to be rebuilt," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel, adding that with the deal "Greece has a chance to return to the path of growth." □

10 Belfast police hurt in riot over Protestant walk

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DUBLIN (AP) — At least 10 police officers have been injured in nighttime Belfast riots after the British territory's main Protestant brotherhood was blocked from marching past a Catholic district, an annual confrontation that usually ends in violence. The officers, who donned helmets, shields and flame-retardant boiler suits, suffered a range of injuries from bottles, bolts and other hand-thrown projectiles as they blocked the Orange Order parade from passing Ardoyne, a power base of the outlawed Irish Republican Army. Masked men and teenagers in the Protestant mob tried to break through police lines, a few jumping on top of police armored vehicles, but they were forced back by officers' locked shields and blasts from mobile water cannons. One senior officer, who wasn't wearing a riot helmet, was struck on the head with a brick, knocked unconscious and dragged by officers away from the confrontation zone.

At a Catholic counter-demonstration in nearby Ardoyne, a motorist appeared to drive his car deliberately into the crowd, striking and injuring a 16-year-old girl who was left pinned under a wheel of the car. Catholic civilians and police surrounded the car and tipped it on its side to free the girl. Police arrested the driver.

Ardoyne protest leaders said they believed the driver was an Orange Order supporter trying to maim or kill anti-Orange protesters; some said the driver was wearing the uniform of an Orange-affiliated band. □



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Iraq begins operation to oust Islamic State group from Anbar

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Iraqi government began a long-awaited, large-scale military operation on Monday to dislodge Islamic State militants from the country's sprawling western Anbar province, a military spokesman announced.

The spokesman for the Joint Operations Command, Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasool, said in a televised statement that the operation started at dawn and that government forces were being backed by Shiite and Sunni pro-government fighters. Rasool did not say whether the U.S.-led international coalition was taking part.

This is not the first time the Iraqi government has announced an operation to retake Anbar — where several key towns, including the provincial capital, Ramadi, remain under Islamic State control. In May, authorities announced an operation to retake Ramadi, but there has not been any major progress on the ground since then.

In a brief statement, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi vowed to "take revenge from Daesh criminals on the battlefield ... and their cowardly crimes against unarmed civilians will only increase our determination to chase them and to expel them from the land of Iraq."

The Islamic State group, also known by the Arabic acronym Daesh, seized large parts of Anbar in early 2014 and captured Ramadi in May. Iraqi forces, which had been making steady progress against the extremists in recent months with the help of the air campaign, scored a major victory in recapturing Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit in April. During the past few weeks, the troops

have been moving to cut the militants' supply routes and to surround and isolate Ramadi and Fallujah.

Rasool didn't provide any further details on the ongoing operations. By noon, the country's state TV reported government forces recapturing villages and areas around Fallujah, which is located half way between Baghdad and Ramadi.

Hours after the announcement of the military operation, Iraq's Defense Ministry announced the arrival of four F-16 fighter jets from the United States to Balad air base north of Baghdad. They are part of 36 F-16s purchased by the Iraqi government.

The new fighter jets will boost Iraq's air force, which depends only on several Russian-made secondhand Sukhoi jets. Last week, a Sukhoi fighter jet accidentally dropped a bomb over a Baghdad neighborhood, killing at least 12 people.

Meanwhile, U.S.-led coalition forces continued their aerial campaign across Iraq and Syria, ramping up attacks near Ramadi, which IS captured in May. A statement by the Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve said that 29 airstrikes struck 67 IS staging areas near Ramadi over the previous day. The strikes destroyed two IS excavators, a militant armored personnel carrier, and a militant vehicle, the coalition said.

Also, on Monday, the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for a series of bombings Sunday in Shiite areas of Baghdad that killed at least 29 people and wounded 81.

Iraq is going through its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. The Islamic State group controls large swaths of the country's north and west



Iraqi security forces backed by Shiite and Sunni pro-government fighters prepare to attack Islamic State group positions in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, July 13, 2015. The Iraqi government began a long-awaited large-scale military operation to dislodge Islamic State militants from Iraq's western Anbar province, the spokesman for the Joint Operations Command, Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasool, said on Monday.

(AP Photo)

after capturing Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul and most of Anbar. In neighboring Syria, gov-

ernment helicopter gunships dropped barrel bombs on a diesel market in the northern town of al-

Bab that is held by the Islamic State group, activists and pro-IS social media pages said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Monday's airstrikes killed 13 people, including six women, and wounded as many as 40. A Facebook page used by Islamic State supporters said 35 people died. The discrepancy could not be immediately resolved.

Monday's attack on al-Bab came two days after activists said army airstrikes killed at least 28 people in the town, which is a frequent target of Syrian army strikes that often kill civilians. On May 31, Syrian army airstrikes that hit a packed market in al-Bab killed around 70 people, most of them civilians. □



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Yemen officials: Saudi-led coalition strike kills 25 people

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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — An airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels and their allies struck a poor residential area in the capital of Sanaa on Monday, killing 25 civilians and wounding at least

50, according to the rebels and medical officials. The strike hit the slums of the Sawan neighborhood in eastern Sanaa early in the morning, said the rebels, known as Houthis. Smoke billowed from the struck area in Sawan, which is located just hundreds of

meters (yards) from a military camp used by the rebels. Hospital officials said there were women and children among the casualties. Airstrikes also hit other parts of Sanaa and 10 Yemeni provinces on Monday, according to local officials. The strikes and ground fight-

ing in Yemen have continued for the third day since the start of a U.N.-brokered truce between the rebels and the country's internationally-backed government in exile and its allies. The Saudi-led coalition has said it is not bound by the truce because of a lack of

commitment by the Houthis. In New York, the United Nations said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was disappointed that the humanitarian pause he called for did not take hold, but that he has not lost hope that a suspension in the fighting could still take place. □

Malala: 'Stingy' world must boost aid to Syrian refugees



Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, 18, left, walks with Mezon al-Melihan, a 17-year-old refugee from the southern Syrian town of Deraa, during Malala's visit to Azraq refugee camp, Jordan, Monday, July 13, 2015.

(AP Photo/M. Muheisen)

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AZRAQ REFUGEE CAMP, Jordan (AP) — Rich countries should spend less on weapons in the Syrian civil war and more on education, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai said Monday, calling world

leaders "quite stingy" as she toured a camp for the conflict's refugees. Malala, a champion for girls' education rights, was joined in Azraq camp by Mezon al-Melihan, a 17-year-old refugee who has been urging girls to stay in school. Malala and Mezon, an Azraq resident,

walked hand-in-hand through the camp, made up of rows of white, prefabricated shelters that's home to close to 20,000 refugees. The teens spoke to school girls, played on a swing set and kicked around a soccer ball. Since the 2011 outbreak of Syria's conflict, more than 4 million Syrians have fled their country, most settling in neighboring countries such as Jordan. Aid agencies asked for \$4.5 billion for 2015 to help refugees, but have been forced to slash support programs because of large funding gaps. Studies have indicated that growing numbers of refugee children are working to help support their desperate families. Early marriage among refugee girls also is on the rise. Malala, who rose to fame after being shot by the Taliban in her native Pakistan

in 2012 for insisting on her right to education, said the world must do more to help the refugees. "There are rich countries in this world, there are world leaders who can afford spending money on weapons, who can afford spending money on the war that is going on in Syria," she said in a speech at the Azraq community center. She said these countries and leaders have been "quite stingy" when it comes to spending on education and that shifting resources to schools is "the only way we can achieve success." "This is why we are here to ask world leaders to treat the rest of the world's children as their own children," she added. She later told The Associated Press that she has been inspired by education rights campaigners such as Mezon, whom she first met

last year in Zaatari, another camp in Jordan. In December, Mezon attended the Nobel ceremony in Oslo at Malala's invitation. Syrian refugee children face many challenges, Malala said in an interview. "Many young girls they get married at a very young age, boys — their parents send them for child labor" because the adults can't find work, she said. Malala, who lives with her family in Birmingham in Britain, celebrated her 18th birthday on Sunday while opening a school for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Asked about her plans for the future, now that she is an adult, Malala said: "I want to get more familiar with British culture and live there for a few years, so I think for a bachelor's (degree) I should stay at Oxford and for a master's I should go to another country." □

Right Sector gunmen take boy hostage in west Ukraine

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Two gunmen from Ukraine's nationalist Right Sector militia on Monday briefly took a 6-year-old boy hostage in western Ukraine as a stand-off between the gunmen and police entered its third day. Two people were killed Saturday in a Right Sector gun-and-grenade attack on police in a western

Ukrainian city. Police had surrounded some gunmen in a wooded area of Mukacheve and have been trying to negotiate their surrender since then. The Ukrainian Interior Ministry said in a statement Monday that police and security services had tracked two Right Sector gunmen outside Mukacheve but they took the boy hostage and

managed to escape. It said as soon as the gunmen were at a safe distance they let the boy go. Right Sector said its members were trying to confront policemen who they said were involved in a major smuggling business in the region. Mukacheve is not far from the border with Poland, Hungary and Slovakia, and

local officials have long faced accusations of setting up and controlling the smuggling of contraband. Right Sector was one of the most militant factions in the massive protests in Ukraine's capital that led to pro-Russia President Viktor Yanukovich fleeing the country in February 2014. Since war broke out in eastern Ukraine between government forc-

es and pro-Russia separatists several months later, Right Sector has fought on the government side and Amnesty International has accused the group of holding civilians as prisoners and torturing them. Right Sector leader Dmytro Yarosh holds a seat in parliament, but the group has little formal involvement in conventional politics. □



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Mexico drug lord escape tunnel was too elaborate to miss



Federal Police stand guard near a half-built house near the Altiplano maximum security prison in Almoloya, west of Mexico City, Monday, July 13, 2015. A widespread manhunt that included highway checkpoints, stepped up border security and closure of an international airport failed to turn up any trace of Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman by Monday, more than 24 hours after he escaped through an underground tunnel leading from his Altiplano prison cell's shower area.

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

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ALMOLOYA, Mexico (AP)

— The digging would have caused noise. The planners would have needed blueprints and maps. The escape was made from the one place beyond the view of security cameras at Mexico's toughest prison.

As authorities hunted Monday for any sign of Mexico's most powerful drug lord, security experts said it's clear that Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's escape through an elaborately designed tunnel must have involved help on a grand scale.

"How did Chapo escape? In one word: corruption," wrote Alejandro Hope, a former member of Mexico's domestic intelligence service, in his blog El Daily Post.

"He escaped through a mile-long tunnel, wide enough to hold a motorcycle, and ending in one of the few blind spots in Mex-

ico's most-secure prison. How do you do that without some high-level corruption?"

U.S. authorities believe the tunnel through which Guzman made his audacious exit Saturday evening must have been in the works for at least a year, nearly as long as the head of the notorious Sinaloa Cartel had been at the Altiplano prison 55 miles (90 kilometers) west of Mexico City.

A tunnel of such sophistication — with lights, air venting, and a customized motorcycle rigged up on a rail line — would have taken 18 months to two years to complete, said Jim Dinkins, former head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations.

"When it's for the boss, you probably put that on high speed," he said.

If anyone was capable of pulling off such a feat, it was Guzman, who is believed to have at least a quarter-century of experi-

ence in building large, sophisticated tunnels to deliver contraband under the U.S.-Mexico border and to escape from hideouts as authorities closed in.

One of his first tunnels was found in 1990 between Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Mexico. Officials estimated the 200-foot passage would have cost \$2 million to build at the time. It featured electric lights, pumps to keep it clear of water and elaborate entrances.

Joe Garcia, who retired

this year as interim special agent in charge of U.S. Homeland Security Investigations in San Diego, has extensive experience in tunnel investigations. He said the tunnel at Altiplano was longer than any passage ever found on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Guzman must have had cooperation from government officials given the passage's length and sophistication, and the time required to build it, Garcia said. DEA documents obtained by The Associated

Press on Monday show work on hatching escape plots began almost immediately after Guzman was arrested in February 2014 and that he remained in charge of the Sinaloa cartel despite being locked up.

To pull off such a feat, rescuers likely had intelligence on the prison even before Guzman was arrested, Dinkins said. Designers and workers would have needed access to sensitive information such as prison floor plans and alarm and camera systems. □



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Francis burnishes credentials on South America tour



In this photo taken on Sunday, July 12, 2015, Pope Francis smiles as he meets the media during an airborne press conference aboard the airplane directed to Rome, at the end of his Apostolic journey in Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay.

(AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

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ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — On his weeklong swing through South America, Pope Francis burnished his credentials as a new kind of pontiff, issuing a searing apology to indigenous

people for church crimes more than a half millennium old and even making a pit stop at a Burger King to change clothes and freshen up before celebrating Mass. The first Latin American pope picked three of the region's poorest countries

— Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay — and used his speeches and homilies to hammer home themes that have become pillars of his papacy: respect for the poor and for the planet, and an impassioned call to turn away from what he sees as a cruel capi-

talist system that pillages the world's resources and heaps riches on the few. They are messages Francis has been honing since becoming pope two years ago, but brought to life in vivid detail whether at Bolivia's notorious Palmasola prison, the mud-drenched Banado Norte slum in Paraguay or even a gathering of business leaders in Ecuador.

"We now know there is one Pope Francis, who says the same things whether he is in Italy, Asia or Latin America," said Massimo Faggioli, a Rome-based Vatican historian. "In Latin America, he was preaching to the choir, so the big challenge will now be to talk to and convince those who feel comfortable with the status quo."

Francis will get that chance in September, when he is scheduled to visit the U.S. capital right after a three-day stop in communist-run Cuba — two Cold War enemies whose recent rapprochement the pope played a personal role in. The eight-day tour in South

America was Francis' first to the Spanish-speaking part of his home continent since he became pope. He went to Portuguese-speaking Brazil soon after his election.

The highlight of this trip was undoubtedly in Bolivia, South America's poorest and most indigenous country, where Francis apologized for crimes committed by the church against indigenous peoples during the colonial-era conquest, going much further than any pope before him.

"I say this to you with regret: Many grave sins were committed against the native peoples of America in the name of God," he told a group of indigenous groups while combative President Evo Morales, the country's first indigenous president, looked on.

Morales said Francis' push to create a world where nobody is excluded makes him a fellow socialist. That idea was quickly batted down by theologians, and the pope himself seemed taken aback when Morales presented him with a gift of a crucifix shaped like a hammer and sickle, a symbol of communism.

An impromptu change of clothes in a Burger King bathroom provided a light moment amid a week of weighty issues. But it also showed how Francis is one of the most unusual pontiffs to lead the world's largest Christian denomination. With hundreds of thousands of Catholic faithful waiting in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Francis needed a place to don his vestments for Mass at the Christ the Redeemer square. So he popped into the fast food joint, then minutes later emerged to rail against consumerism during his homily. □

Colombia, rebels agree to strive for full cease-fire

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's government and leftist rebels have agreed to accelerate peace negotiations and will attempt to negotiate a cease-fire even before reaching an agreement to bring an end to the South American nation's five-decade-old conflict.

The announcement made at the end of the latest round of peace talks in Cuba comes as Colombians' faith in the almost three-year-old negotiations has sunk to a record low after battlefield violence in-

tensified in recent months. As part of the confidence-building initiative, Colombia has agreed to scale down military action if the guerrilla group known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia keeps its promise and upholds a unilateral cease-fire — it's sixth since talks began — announced earlier this week.

While government negotiators didn't say what military actions might be curtailed, they were adamant that such a move shouldn't be confused with a more encompassing bilateral cease-fire. To that end,

both sides invited the United Nations and Unasur bloc of South American nations to discuss ways to monitor and verify the enforcement of any truce emerging when peace talks resume in Cuba in a few weeks.

President Juan Manuel Santos hailed the announcement as a "new light of hope" that will put talks back on track and closer to the finish line than ever before. But in nod to critics who say the FARC can't be trusted, he introduced a deadline, saying that he'll evaluate progress in four months' time and decide whether to contin-

ue with peace talks. Previously the government had rejected the possibility of a bilateral cease-fire before talks were concluded, saying the rebels would use it as an opportunity to rearm and carry out attacks.

"It's time to step on the accelerator and that's what we're doing," Santos said in a nationally televised address Sunday night. Many Colombians have doubts the rebels will honor their word. The last cease-fire unraveled after six months when the FARC in April attacked an army platoon while it was asleep, killing 10 soldiers. □



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as Tuna Tataki and Tomato Carpaccio. It also features long forgotten favorites such as Oysters Rockefeller and Wild Mushroom Pie. The duo concept, made popular by Window on Aruba retains its menu presence with Shrimp & Escargots and Crab Cake & Salmon. The main course list features freshly caught seafood with Sea Bass, Salmon, Crab & Shrimp, Twin Lobster Tails, and Swordfish among them, in generous portions, graced by contemporary escorts such as Coconut Black Rice, Asparagus, Red Quinoa, Baby Rainbow Potatoes, Truffle Mashed Potatoes and Baby Bok Choy. The menu also features US Angus Beef, Lamb, Duck, Veal, not just any veal, but

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Serena Williams of the United States holds the trophy after winning the women's singles final against Garbine Muguruza of Spain, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Saturday July 11, 2015.

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No. 1 Williams ups lead in WTA rankings

LONDON (AP) — Serena Williams has widened her lead at No. 1 in the WTA rankings with her fourth consecutive Grand Slam title at Wimbledon, now holding more than twice as many points as No. 2 Maria Sharapova.

Novak Djokovic's third championship at the All England Club allowed him to retain his healthy lead atop the ATP rankings on Monday over No. 2 Roger Federer, the man he beat in the final.

Sharapova, who lost to Williams in the semifinals, rose two spots, while last year's champion, Petra Kvitova, slid from No. 2 to No. 5 after exiting in the third round.

Garbine Muguruza, the 21-year-old from Spain who was the runner-up to Williams, moved into the top 10 for the first time at No. 9, an 11-spot rise.

The men's top 10 remained unchanged, including Andy Murray at No. 3, and Rafael Nadal at No. 10. □



Greinke, Keuchel to start All-Star Game


Houston Astros starter Dallas Keuchel pitches against the Tampa Bay Rays during the first inning of a baseball game Saturday, July 11, 2015, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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O'Meara, Davies part of class inducted into Hall

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP)

— Laura Davies was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame on Monday, even though she wasn't around to enjoy all of it.

A four-hour flight delay out of Philadelphia forced her to miss the induction.

In a rush to the University of St. Andrews, she at least watched the ceremony on Sky Sports in the car, but when her pre-recorded video came on, the signal went out and she missed her speech and that of Mark O'Meara. She finally made it to the reception, a surprise to hundreds of guests who thought she had abandoned efforts to get there.

"Everything that seems to happen to me is weird," Davies said at the reception.

Not her place in the Hall of Fame. That was earned with four major titles, more than 70 wins around the world and becoming such a dominant force in women's golf that she starred on the LPGA Tour and still took time to crisscross the Atlanta Ocean to support the Ladies European Tour.

Davies was inducted along with major champions Mark O'Meara and David Graham of Australia and architect A.W. Tillinghast, who studied under Old Tom Morris and created golf courses that hosted majors.



Laura Davies hits off the first tee during the final round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Lancaster Country Club, Sunday, July 12, 2015 in Lancaster, Pa.

It was the first time the World Golf Hall of Fame took its ceremony outside the United States, and it created a scheduling problem for Davies. The 51-year-old from England made the cut in the U.S. Women's Open and tied for 47th on Sunday. And that's when the fun began.

The heat in Philadelphia led to mechanical problems and a four-hour delay from the scheduled 10 p.m. departure. When it finally took off and reached Heathrow in London, the airport was so busy that her plane had to circle for about a half-hour.

And when she finally got to Edinburgh, her luggage didn't make it. Davies had another bag that allowed

her to wear something she considered presentable.

"I was quite upset," Davies said. "At the end, it was getting quite distressing."

She had a large group of family and friends at the induction, including the caddies of Justin Rose (Mark Fulcher) and Ian Poulter (Terry Mundy) who once caddied for Davies on the LPGA Tour.

During this saga, some of her peers on the LPGA Tour took to Twitter to express their outrage. Karrie Webb tweeted that her induction was a career highlight and the special occasion was taken from Davies through "terrible scheduling."

Beth Daniel said she was "sad and sickened" that Davies couldn't make the

induction.

"Delayed flights from US. Lack of foresight by all," she tweeted.

"As soon as her last putt dropped Sunday, the World Golf Hall of Fame and others onsite made every effort to get Laura to St. Andrews," the Hall of Fame said in a statement. "Unfortunately, mechanical issues with her plane and other international travel logistics made it impossible for her to arrive on time."

Previous induction ceremonies were held at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Florida. The ceremony in Florida first was held in May 1998 and in recent years was moved to the fall.

Davies arrived at the Old Course Hotel about 7 p.m.,

changed clothes and headed to the reception. She was announced as she walked in the door.

"I was terrified," Davies said. "I look in the room and see Arnold Palmer and Bernhard Langer and all these great faces. It was a bit intimidating."


The Hall of Fame selection process was overhauled to eliminate the independent voice of the writers and turn the voting over to a nominating panel and a 16-member board to vote on finalists. Both bodies consisted of a majority of golf administrators.

O'Meara won 16 times on the PGA Tour, including the Masters and British Open in 1998 when he became at age 41 the oldest player to win two majors in one year. He also won the U.S. Amateur and titles around the world.

Graham won three majors — twice at the PGA Championship and the 1981 U.S. Open at Merion when he putted for birdie on every hole in the final round.

Tillinghast was inducted posthumously and perhaps was overdue. He designed more than 250 courses, including Winged Foot, Baltusrol, Bethpage Black, Ridgewood and San Francisco Golf Club.

The next induction ceremonies will be in 2017 at the World Golf Village, and then in 2019 during the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. □



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Greinke to start All-Star Game for NL, Keuchel for AL

By **RONALD BLUM**
 AP Baseball Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) -- Picked to start the All-Star Game for the National League, Zack Greinke wasn't sure he wanted his wife to make the trek from Los Angeles to Great American Ball Park.

"My wife is less than three weeks until having a kid," he said of Emily. "She found a way to get out here even though she probably shouldn't have. That just shows how excited the family is."

A 31-year-old Dodgers right-hander with a big league-best 1.39 ERA, Greinke starts Tuesday night against Houston lefty Dallas Keuchel, known for a distinctive long, bushy beard. Informed Sunday by AL manager Ned Yost that Keuchel was starting, Houston manager A.J. Hinch opted not to tell the first-time All-Star. Keuchel found out from MLB Senior Vice President Phyllis Merhige when he arrived at the team's hotel on Sunday night. "I was able to tell my family, but I couldn't really tell many more," he said. "And even my family has loose lips, so I was very thankful for them not telling anybody." Greinke is 8-2 and enters the game following five straight scoreless starts over 35 2-3 innings. The three-time All-Star can terminate his contract at the end of the season, forfeit a minimum \$71 million over the next three years and become a free agent again.

"These numbers he's putting up are really, really unbelievable," NL manager Bruce Bochy said Monday. Keuchel, 27, is 11-4 with a 2.23 ERA. Since starting his big league career 9-18 in 2012 and '13, he is 23-13.



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Zack Greinke throws to a New York Mets batter during the second inning of a baseball game, Saturday, July 4, 2015, in Los Angeles.

He becomes Houston's fourth All-Star starting pitcher after J.R. Richard (1980), Mike Scott (1987) and Rog-

er Clemens (2004). The AL will open the game with an all right-handed-hitting lineup for the first time;

the only previous team to do that was the NL for the first of two games in 1962. This is the first time the AL

starting lineup did not have at least one player from Boston or the New York Yankees. □

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AL Capsules

A's Gray dominates Indians in 2-hit shutout

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — All-Star Sonny Gray allowed just two hits in a shutout and allowed only three base runners, leading the Athletics to a win over the Indians on Sunday.

Gray, who lowered his AL-best ERA to 2.04, walked one and struck out six. Only three outs were recorded by outfielders in his third career shutout.

Gray (10-3) retired the first 10 hitters before Francisco Lindor's one-out single in the fourth. The right-hander walked David Murphy to lead off the fifth and retired 11 in a row until Giovanny Urshela's two-out single in the eighth.

Vogt, Oakland's other All-Star, hit a two-run homer to right in the fourth off Corey Kluber (4-10) after being robbed of a home run in the first by Murphy.

RAYS 4, ASTROS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Matt Moore got his first win since elbow surgery with help from the Tampa Bay bullpen as the Rays completed a three-game sweep by beating the Astros.

Moore (1-0) allowed three runs and five hits over five innings to get his first victory since Sept. 29, 2013 at Toronto. It was his third start after missing almost 15 months due to the surgery. Rays relievers Brandon



Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Sonny Gray delivers in the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Sunday, July 12, 2015, in Cleveland. Associated Press

Gomes, Steve Geltz, Kevin Jepsen and Brad Boxberger, who pitched the ninth for his 23rd save, gave up a combined two hits over four scoreless innings.

Houston enters the All-Star break on a six-game losing streak. The Astros took over first place in the AL West on April 19, but started Sunday with just a half-game lead over the Los Angeles Angels, who were scheduled to play Seattle later Sunday.

Tampa Bay took a 4-3 lead in the fifth when John Jaso walked with the bases loaded and Grady Sizemore had an RBI grounder off rookie Lance McCullers (4-3).

YANKEES 8, RED SOX 6

BOSTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez doubled to break a sixth-inning tie, move into the top 25 on baseball's career hits list and help the Yankees beat the Red Sox. The win gave the Yankees the edge in the three-

game series and moved them 6 1/2 games in front of last-place Boston in the bunched-up AL East. New York leads the division by 3 1/2 games heading into the All-Star break.

Yankees prospect Rob Refsnyder had his first career hit with a single in the seventh inning and then added a two-run homer in the ninth to make it 8-4. The Red Sox cut it to 8-6 in the ninth thanks to two New York errors, but Andrew Miller got Shane Victorino on a pop-up to shallow left to end it.

Brian McCann also had two hits, including a two-run homer, and Nathan Eovaldi (9-2) pitched five innings for the Yankees.

NATIONALS 3, ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE (AP) — Max Scherzer ended his impressive first half with another dominant performance, taking a three-hitter into the ninth inning to lead the Nationals to a victory over the Orioles.

Yunel Escobar had three hits and scored a run for the Nationals, who reached the All-Star break in first place in the NL East after taking two of three from their neighboring rivals.

Scherzer was one out away from his fourth complete game when Adam Jones hit his second homer of the game. Drew Storen entered and struck out Chris

Davis to earn his 27th save. Scherzer (10-7) allowed four hits, struck out seven and walked none. He retired 14 straight after allowing a first-inning homer to Jones.

TWINS 7, TIGERS 1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kyle Gibson won his fourth straight start, throwing seven strong innings, and rookie Miguel Sano hit a two-run homer to lead the Twins to a win over the Tigers.

Gibson (8-6) allowed only an unearned run and four hits, while Sano hit his second home run since being recalled from Double-A on July 2. Danny Santana added two hits, including a two-run triple, for Minnesota, which enters the All-Star break having won six of seven. The Twins are in second place in the AL Central and hold the top wild-card spot.

Shane Greene (4-7) allowed seven runs on seven hits and three walks in just 4 2-3 innings for the Tigers after being recalled from Triple-A.

ROYALS 11, BLUE JAYS 10

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Paulo Orlando broke a deadlock with an eighth inning homer and Kendrys Morales hit a three-run homer as the Royals defeated the Blue Jays after blowing a seven-run advantage Sunday. □



In this Monday, July 6, 2015, photo, a fan is helped after being hit by a foul ball during the ninth inning of a baseball game between the Milwaukee Brewers and the Atlanta Braves in Milwaukee. Associated Press

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

A federal lawsuit filed in San Francisco on Monday is try-

ing to force Major League Baseball to install netting from foul pole to foul pole to protect spectators from

Suit seeks safety netting for Major League ballparks

flying bats and balls. The lawsuit filed on behalf of an Oakland A's fan and other season ticket-holders throughout the major leagues does not ask for money. Instead, it wants Commissioner Rob Manfred to extend the screens that typically cover only a few sections behind the plate all the way down the first- and third-base lines.

"Every type of fan is constantly at risk of serious injury or death," said Robert Hilliard, one of the lawyers involved in the case. "If that

foul ball is hit hard enough, reaction time is basically zero and life-threatening injury is certain. This is a needless risk. Extending the nets will, as a fact, save lives."

The proposed class action was filed on behalf of Gail Payne, who has tickets in an unprotected section at the Oakland Coliseum, by Hilliard's Texas-based firm, Hilliard Munoz Gonzalez. A website asks other season ticket-holders to contact another firm handling the case, Seattle-based Hagens Berman.

The commissioner's office said it is discussing safety with the clubs, and players could also become involved in the talks.

"Fan safety is our foremost goal for all those who choose to support our game by visiting our ballparks, and we always strive for that experience to be safe and fan-friendly," MLB said in a statement. "Major League Baseball is in the process of re-evaluating all issues pertaining to fan safety, comfort and expectations." □

NL Capsules

Nieuwenhuis hits 3 HR, Mets win 5-3, sweep Diamondbacks



New York Mets Kirk Nieuwenhuis (9) hits a third-inning, two-run, home run, his second home run of the game, in a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks in New York, Sunday, July 12, 2015. Associated Press

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Kirk Nieuwenhuis homered three times to help the New York Mets beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-3 on Sunday and complete a three-game sweep.

Nieuwenhuis homered twice off Diamondbacks starter Rubby De La Rosa (6-5), in the second and third innings and once off reliever Randall Delgado in the fifth. His homer off Delgado rang off the right field foul ball and drew a curtain call from the cheering crowd of 28,259.

The Mets centerfielder's effort backed Jonathon Niese, who was starting in place of the injured Steven Matz. Niese (5-8) allowed three runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Nieuwenhuis' effort marked the first time any Met had ever homered three times in a home game. Nieuwenhuis is the 10th player in Mets history with a three-homer game and the first since Ike Davis accomplished the feat on July 28, 2012 at Arizona.

PIRATES 6, CARDINALS 5, 10 INNINGS

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Gregory Polanco capped another late rally, driving in Jung Ho Kang with two outs in the 10th inning to lift the Pittsburgh past St. Louis.

The Cardinals took a 5-3 lead in the top of the 10th on a two-run double by Randal Grichuk off Arquimedes Caminero (1-1). Pittsburgh,

which won in 14 innings on a homer by Andrew McCutchen on Saturday, did it again 24 hours later against St. Louis All-Star closer Trevor Rosenthal (1-2).

Starling Marte brought Pittsburgh within a run with an RBI single in the bottom of the 10th. Francisco Cervelli tied it with a single and Polanco followed two batters later with a looping single to right for his fourth hit of the game.

MARLINS 8, REDS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Dan Haren repeatedly pitched out of jams and allowed only one run in six innings to help the Marlins beat the Reds.

The Reds stranded seven runners in scoring position against Haren, and threatened in all but one inning he worked. They went 1 for 11 with runners in scoring position against the right-hander.

The Reds' defense was no better, committing a pair of errors that resulted in three unearned runs.

Justin Bour had three hits and three RBIs for the Marlins, who scored 22 runs in the final two games of the series and won three of four from the Reds. Casey McGehee, signed Friday for a second stint with Miami, drove in two runs for the second game in a row.

Haren (7-5) outpitched Johnny Cueto (6-6), who allowed five runs, three earned, in five innings.

GIANTS 4, PHILLIES 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Andrew Susac hit a three-run homer to back Chris Heston's superb start, and the Giants rolled past the last-place Phillies.

Heston (9-5) allowed one run and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out seven and walked none to help send the reigning World Series champions into the All-Star break on a high note.

Santiago Casilla gave up a run in the ninth for his 23rd save in 27 chances. Buster Posey and Angel Pagan each singled three times, and Susac's homer highlighted a four-run fourth against Chad Billingsley (1-3) that handed Philadelphia its fifth consecutive defeat.

The Phillies (29-62) set the franchise record for the most losses before the All-Star break, surpassing the previous mark of 61 in 1997.

DODGERS 4, BREWERS 3
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Adrian Gonzalez hit a two-run homer to put the Dodgers ahead in the eighth inning, as NL West-leading Los Angeles beat the last-place Brewers.

The Dodgers took two out of three from the Brewers to go into the All-Star break with a 51-39 record.

Pedro Baez (2-1) got the victory with a strikeout in one inning of relief. Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth to earn his 16th save in 17 chances, including his last nine since June 12.

Howie Kendrick singled leading off the eighth on his 32nd birthday and advanced to second after center fielder Carlos Gomez misplayed the ball for an error. Gonzalez followed with his 18th homer on an 0-2 pitch from Will Smith (4-1), giving the Dodgers a 4-3 lead.

ROCKIES 11, BRAVES 3
DENVER (AP) — All-Star Troy Tulowitzki homered, Charlie Blackmon had three hits and drove in four runs and the Rockies beat the Braves to complete a four-game sweep.

Drew Stubbs also went deep for the Rockies, who took four from Atlanta for the first time in team history. Tulowitzki was chosen as an

injury replacement to the NL All-Star team on Saturday, right after his 21-game hitting streak ended. He started another one with a three-run homer in the sixth off reliever Dave Carpenter. Blackmon did his damage against Atlanta starter Alex Wood (6-6). His two-run single in the second gave Colorado a 3-0 lead and his second two-RBI single came two batters before

Tulowitzki's 10th home run. Chad Bettis (5-4) got the win.

In other NL games it was N.Y. Mets 5, Arizona 3; Miami 8, Cincinnati 1; Washington 3, Baltimore 2; Chicago Cubs 3, Chicago White Sox 1; San Diego 2, Texas 1; San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 2; Colorado 11, Atlanta 3; L.A. Dodgers 4, Milwaukee 3; and Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 5, 10 innings. □

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Britain's Christopher Froome, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, rides in the pack during the eighth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 181.5 kilometers (112.8 miles) with start in Rennes and finish in Mur-de-Bretagne, France, Saturday, July 11, 2015. Associated Press

Tour leader Froome confident heading to Pyrenees mountains

JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

PLUMELEC, France (AP) — Race leader Chris Froome heads to the first mountain stages of the Tour de France in confident mood — and with an unexpected main rival.

The British rider, seeking his second Tour win after his dominant victory in 2013, safely kept the yellow jersey after his Team SKY finished one second behind American rider Tejay van Garderen's BMC in Sunday's team time trial, the ninth stage of a crash-marred race.

Van Garderen is 12 seconds behind Froome in second place, putting him ahead of Nairo Quintana of Colombia, the 2013 Tour runner-up and the Giro d'Italia winner in 2014, as well as two-time Tour winner Alberto Contador of Spain and defending Tour champion Vincenzo Nibali of Italy.

The 26-year-old van Garderen has never finished higher than fifth at the Tour, but is so far riding like a contender.

"Those guys have that tag of 'Fab Four' which is getting a bit irritating," van Garderen said. "All those guys in the top four have won Grand Tours ... It doesn't mean I'm

intimidated by them ... I'm not afraid to beat them."

The most disappointing of the 'Fab Four' has so far been Nibali, who cracked in a short climb at the end of Saturday's eighth stage and lost more time in Sunday's TTT when his Astana team finished fifth, behind Contador's Tinkoff-Saxo and Quintana's Movistar.

"I thought (Nibali) was going to be the one guy from the main contenders who would gain time in this first phase of the race," the 30-year-old Froome said. "I am surprised."

Contador, who entered the Tour on the back of his second Giro d'Italia win and seventh Grand Tour title, is in fifth place — 1 minute, 3 seconds behind Froome — while Quintana is 1:59 behind in ninth and Nibali sits 2:22 behind in 13th spot.

"It's one thing not to lose any time to your rivals but it's another to gain time on them," Froome said. "The pressure's certainly not on my shoulders."

Following Monday's rest day, Tuesday's 10th stage snakes up the Pyrenees mountains.

There is only one significant climb, right at the end. But it is a notable one — 15.3 kilometers (9.5 miles) up La

Pierre-Saint-Martin, a mountain resort hosting a stage for the first time. The ascent is classed as Hors Catégorie (Beyond Classification) — the rating given to the toughest climbs.

Wednesday's 11th stage features a climb up the Category 1 Col d'Aspin and then an HC trek up Col du Tourmalet, a famed Tour climb.

A few riders might crack on Thursday's 12th stage: featuring two Cat. 1 climbs and an HC up Plateau de Beille to top things off.

Froome has identified van Garderen, second behind him at last month's Criterium du Dauphine race, as his main Tour rival.

"(The Pyrenees) will be the test who is fit enough to win the Tour and the Alps will (show) who has enough stamina to get to the end," van Garderen said. "With the way I was climbing at the Dauphine, compared to Froome, I think I'm pretty close."

Before Sunday's 9th stage, van Garderen was 13 seconds behind Froome in third place, meaning his BMC team — world champions in the discipline — needed to win the TTT by 14 seconds for the American rider to take the yellow jersey. □

Basso's withdrawal with tumor hits Contador's hopes



In this March 3, 2013 file photo Italy's Ivan Basso cycles during the prologue of the Paris-Nice cycling race, in Houilles, near Paris, France. Associated Press

JOHN LEICESTER
AP Sports Writer

PAU, France (AP) — Stunning the Tour de France on its first rest day, doctors diagnosed a tumor in the left testicle of two-time Giro d'Italia winner Ivan Basso on Monday, forcing him out of the showcase race.

His former rival Lance Armstrong, who survived testicular cancer that spread to his lungs and brain, immediately tweeted his support.

At age 37, Basso wasn't a contender to win the race, as the Italian was in his heyday before he was banned for doping. But his experience and pedigree — Basso finished second at the 2005 Tour and third in 2004 — meant his withdrawal was keenly felt by his team leader Alberto Contador.

The 2007 and 2009 champion must now tackle the most arduous two weeks of the Tour, with decisive climbs in the Pyrenees and Alps, without the assistance and moral support of his veteran teammate and training partner.

On what is often an uneventful day of rest and relaxation when riders recharge their batteries before the high mountains, a visibly shaken Basso appeared with Contador at a news conference and announced that just two hours earlier, doctors diagnosed a tumor in his left testicle that had been painful since he

crashed on Stage 5.

Contador put his arm around Basso and vowed, his voice cracking with emotion, to do his best to win the race to honor his teammate.

Basso said he has cancer. "I have a small cancer in the left testicle," he said. "I have to stop and go back to Italy."

But his Tinkoff-Saxo team said more tests are needed to be certain the tumor is cancerous.

"Probabilities are very high," Pierre Orphanidis, a team spokesman, said in an Associated Press interview. "We still need the further analysis to be 100 percent sure."

Tumors can be benign, meaning they're not cancerous and don't spread to other parts of the body, or malignant, which means they are cancerous and can spread.

Armstrong, who came back from cancer to win the Tour in seven victories later stripped from him for doping, tweeted: "Thinking about @ivanbasso and wishing him the very best as he embarks on his cancer journey. #IvanSTRONG!!"

He and Basso had memorable battles on the Tour's roads when both were in their prime, long before Armstrong eventually confessed to doping. Basso served a two-year ban for his involvement in a blood-doping ring.

In what he called "a moment of weakness," Basso said at the time that he "attempted doping" but never actually went through with it. His wins at the Giro, one of cycling's three biggest stage races along with the tours of France and Spain, came on either side of that suspension, in 2006 and 2010.

Now dedicated at this 102nd Tour to helping Contador win, Basso was in 158th place — out of 185 remaining competitors — and trailing race leader Chris Froome by more than 50 minutes after nine stages. □

Better than friends? This robot gives undivided attention

YURI KAGEYAMA
AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — I'm Japanese and so I'm a sucker for cute things, like manga, quirky figurines and mascot characters. And Pepper, the new companion robot from Tokyo-based technology company Softbank Corp., delivers cuteness like you've never seen.

What's striking is the absolutely ardent attention it gives you — frankly a lot better than some real-life people.

"You look a bit thin," it coos in a soft childlike voice, free of any rigid mechanical accent. "You should watch what you eat."

The 121-centimeter (four-foot) tall white machine-on-wheels was disarmingly charming and definitely intriguing when I spent half a day with it, ahead of its delivery to its first customers later this month.

It's another matter entirely whether it's worth the price tag of 198,000 yen (\$1,600), plus the maintenance and insurance costs that ownership entails, adding up to some 1.2 million yen (\$10,000) for an estimated three-year lifespan.

Only available in Japan so far, overseas sales are undecided. The programming it has now caters to Japanese tastes. A U.S. version will obviously have to be quite different.

Pepper has cameras, lasers and infrared in its hairless head so it can detect human faces. Whatever direction you move, its cocked head will also move, intently looking into



In this photo taken Thursday, July 9, 2015, SoftBank Corp.'s new companion robot Pepper performs during an interview at the technology company's headquarters in Tokyo.

Associated Press

your face with its big eyes, like a puppy. Except this pet can talk.

As long as you don't walk too far from it, removing yourself from its attention, Pepper will prattle on and on, switching from one small talk topic to another, gesticulating at times with its five-fingered soft hands for effect.

"Do you want to play a quiz game? What animal goes like this: bow wow," it might say. It will tell you "cat" is the wrong answer. And then it will ask, "What did you have for dinner?" If you say, "Tempura," it has enough voice recognition to decipher that and will reply: "Oh, Japanese." I tried answering, "Steak," another time. It said, "Oh, Western."

Yes, the conversations do

sometimes repeat themselves, but so does human dialogue.

The robot is equipped with enough of a repertoire to avoid easy boredom. That repertoire is constantly being updated through a WiFi connection.

Each Pepper is hand-made by Foxconn in China, limiting supplies to 1,000 a month. The first batch for July sold out in a minute.

It's attracting regular technology fans but also a kindergarten, a cafe and people who're buying it for their elderly parents.

The kind of patient interaction Pepper excels at is recommended for people with dementia. So Pepper might come to the rescue of stressed out families.

Equipped with artificial intelligence by Aldebaran of

France, Pepper has what Softbank calls an emotional engine, meaning it reacts to what it interprets as anger or sorrow in humans around it by deciphering voice tones, facial expressions and language.

It also has programming that sets off the equivalent of its own human emotions, such as getting nervous if a room suddenly goes dark, or elation when you pet its head and shower it with praise, such as: "You are the best-looking robot I have ever seen. I love you. You're the best."

"I am going to cry for joy," it says, throwing its arms up in the air.

On the flat-panel display attached to its chest, it offers boxes to tap for various tasks, such as reading storybooks, giving a tarot-

card reading, playing the radio, working as a drum machine and relaying the weather forecast.

It has some cool dance moves as well. One is shaking its body in a rubbery way. Another is doing elegant hand gestures as it plays Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker."

Owners may be tempted to give the thing a wig or dress it up. That's not recommended as it can overheat. It keeps going for 10 to 12 hours on a single charge. It charges from a regular household outlet.

Softbank offers a basic software application kit so even a child can create applications for Pepper. Softbank has an in-house standard for violence, pornography and other abuse for its own applications.

This is not some slapped together toy of a robot. It's the first convincing semblance of a step toward artificial intelligence fantasized in science fiction movies that's affordable for the regular home.

It isn't for everyone. You have to have an open mind.

The way it's designed, Pepper is basically about human relationships.

It could be the life of a party. It could be a dream-come-true robot friend for a child.

For parents, it can keep track of a baby growing up with photos Pepper takes over the years and other data kept in cloud storage. Pepper's record could also hold special meaning, if its owner were to die. □

New Comcast online video service for its Internet customers

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Comcast, the country's largest cable company, is offering its own online video alternative as people spend fewer hours watching live TV and more time using tablets and phones for entertainment.

The new service, called Stream, will be available to Comcast's Internet customers and cost \$15 a

month. For now, it will include only broadcast networks like FOX and NBC in addition to HBO, but no cable channels like AMC or TNT. Anyone can watch broadcast networks for free on a TV with an antenna, which costs about \$20 and up. And HBO already sells a stand-alone streaming service for \$15 a month. Comcast has ambitions to offer more TV online, however. It wants to add

cable channels over the next year so that online TV subscribers have "access to any of the content we have available" for traditional cable customers by the end of March in 2016, said Marcien Jenckes, Comcast Cable's executive vice president for consumer services. Prices will be similar to traditional cable, he said.

Comcast's service, which is only for its customers,

follows the launch earlier this year of Dish Network's nationwide Internet TV service, Sling TV, which sells for \$20 a month and includes cable channels like ESPN, AMC and Food Network. You can also add on HBO. A slew of Internet TV options have come in the past year as many cable and TV companies think younger customers prefer to watch TV online, without paying for a full bundle

that can easily top \$70 a month.

The ability to smother competitors' online TV services was a major reason why regulators were concerned about Comcast's bid to buy Time Warner Cable. It would have created a TV and Internet behemoth that would serve more than half of the country's high-speed Internet customers, as calculated by the government. □

Stocks end higher on Greece deal

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NEW YORK (AP) — A new agreement between Greece and its lenders helped lift the stock market on Monday, extending the market's winning streak to a third day. The deal for a new loan package is aimed at keeping the country in the euro, but many hurdles remain. Major indexes headed higher at the opening bell, following solid gains in Europe, then kept climbing throughout the afternoon.

from worry for a few days at least."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 22.98 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,099.60. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 217.27, or 1.2 percent, to 17,977.68, while the Nasdaq gained 73.82, or 1.5 percent, to 5,071.51.

Major markets in Europe rallied on the news. Germany's DAX climbed 1.5 percent and France's CAC 40 surged 1.9 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 finished with a gain of 1 percent.

soared 8 percent, the biggest gain in the S&P 500, following its announcement that a partnership it runs will buy MarkWest Energy Partners, a company that works with natural gas. Marathon jumped \$4.29 to \$58.78.

Microsoft said it would roll out Windows 10 in late July. The upgraded operating system is supposed to allow users to switch seamlessly between personal computers and their gadgets. The company's stock rose 93 cents, or 2 percent, to



Stock trader Peter Tuchman monitors stock prices at the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, July 13, 2015. A new agreement between Greece and its lenders helped lift the stock market on Monday, extending the market's winning streak to a third day.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

Nearly three stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, and every sector in the S&P 500 finished with gains.

Nine hours after a self-imposed deadline passed, European officials announced the breakthrough on Greece early Monday. The tentative agreement removed an immediate threat that the country would default on its debts and leave the euro. In exchange for a three-year loan program, the deal requires Greece's parliament to pass tax increases and other key demands from its lenders into law by Wednesday.

"Our markets have reason to cheer," said Tim Dreiling, senior portfolio manager at the U.S. Bank's Private Client Reserve. "It's a reprieve

Worries over Greece and China have buffeted markets in recent weeks. Barring any worrying news out of either country, investors will likely shift their attention to earnings reports as a parade of major corporations turn in second-quarter results.

JPMorgan Chase, Johnson & Johnson and Wells Fargo will report early Tuesday, followed by Bank of America and Google later in the week.

Analysts expect overall earnings to fall 4.5 percent compared with the prior year, according to S&P Capital IQ. If that forecast comes true, it would mark the first drop in earnings since 2009.

Among other companies making big moves on Monday, Marathon Petroleum

\$45.54, among the biggest gains in the Dow.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 gained 1.6 percent, South Korea's Kospi gained 1.5 percent. Back in the U.S., government bond prices slipped, pushing yields up. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.43 percent from 2.40 percent late Friday.

Precious metals finished with slight losses. Gold lost \$2.50 to settle at \$1,155.40 an ounce, while silver sank 3 cents to \$15.44 an ounce. Copper picked up a penny to close at \$2.56 a pound. Benchmark U.S. oil fell 54 cents to close at \$52.20 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, an international benchmark, fell 88 cents at \$57.85 a barrel in London. □

Regulators: No single reason for bond market 'flash crash'

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department and other government agencies said Monday they are unable to pinpoint a single reason for a period of extreme volatility that hit the Treasury securities market on Oct. 15 last year.

Treasury, the Federal Reserve and the other agencies issued a joint report saying that a variety of factors, including record trading volumes, may have contributed to the volatility, which was dubbed the "flash crash" in the bond market. Yields on 10-year Treasury bonds gyrated wildly for a brief period during the day.

More than five years earlier on May 6, 2010, a massive "flash crash" jolted the stock market. The Dow Jones industrial average plunged hundreds of points in minutes before it eventually closed 148 points lower. Regulators later traced the disruption to an investment firm that executed a computerized selling program in an already stressed market. The firm's trade, worth \$4.1 billion, touched off a chain of events that ended with investors swiftly pulling their money from the stock market.

In April, U.S. authorities charged a British trader with helping set off the flash crash from his London home through his use of ultra-fast computer software and a bluffing technique that enabled him to make nearly \$800,000 in profit that day.

Republicans have charged that the October volatility in bond trading could be linked to the massive overhaul of financial markets that Congress approved in 2010 to try to prevent a repeat of the 2008 financial crisis. But officials said they found no evidence that regulatory changes from the Dodd-Frank Act played a role.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew last week said that the regulators' investigation found that the bond market problems had not been caused by regulatory changes but by a variety of other factors, such as a shift in trading from traditional brokerages and trading firms to faster electronic trading platforms.

The report recommended that the rules governing the Treasury bond market be reviewed. It also suggested upgrades to procedures used by regulators to monitor daily trading activities in a rapidly evolving market.

The report stressed that while the way investors trade on the Treasury bond market has changed, the market remains the deepest and most liquid government securities market in the world.

On Oct. 15, the yield on the 10-year Treasury bond traded in a range of 37 basis points, with the sharpest moves occurring between 9:33 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Eastern Time. Since 1998, there have been only three times when the intra-day move of the 10-year bond has been larger. All those incidents were linked to major news, such as the announced start of large bond purchases by the Federal Reserve.

The report lists various developments that "may have contributed to the heightened volatility" that day, but the regulators were unable to isolate a single factor. The report called for further study of how the Treasury market has evolved in recent years. It also said the current regulatory requirements governing the market should be reviewed to determine whether any changes are needed.

In addition to Treasury and the Fed, the agencies contributing to the study were the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which carries out bond trading operations for the central bank. □

US government records \$51.8B budget surplus in June

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government ran a budget surplus in June, leaving the budget deficit so far this year running under last year's level. The Treasury Department says the surplus in June totaled \$51.8 billion, compared to a surplus of \$70.5 billion a year ago. Howev-

er, the larger 2014 monthly surplus was heavily influenced by a timing quirk that had moved June benefit payments into May last year because June 1 fell on a Saturday. For the current budget year, the government is running a deficit of \$313.4 billion, a 14.3 percent reduction from the imbalance over the first nine

months of the previous budget year. The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that the deficit for the entire budget year will be \$486 billion, about the same as last year. But some private analysts believe the CBO estimate is too pessimistic. Economists at Barclays Research said the June results support their projection

that this year's deficit will decline to \$425 billion. So far this year, government receipts total \$2.45 trillion, 8.3 percent higher than the first nine months of the 2014 budget year. Government outlays total \$2.76 trillion through June, 5.1 percent higher than the previous year. The federal government's budget year begins on

Oct. 1 and ends on Sept. 31. The 2014 deficit was down from \$680.2 billion in 2013. Before then, the U.S. had recorded four straight years of annual deficits topping \$1 trillion. That reflected the impact of a severe financial crisis and the worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s. □

China accuses trading firms of manipulating stocks

JOE McDONALD
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BEIJING (AP) — Authorities accused securities firms of manipulating stock prices during China's market plunge and launched a crackdown Monday against unlicensed companies that financed speculative trading. The moves appeared to be aimed at deflecting blame from the ruling Communist Party for trillions of dollars in investor losses as China's market benchmark plummeted 30 percent over the past month. They came as drastic official efforts over the past two weeks including a ban on sales by executives and big shareholders appeared to at least temporarily stop the decline that wiped out \$3.8 trillion in investor wealth. On Monday, the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index closed up 2.4 percent for its third straight daily gain but still was 23 percent below its June 12 peak.

Investigators have found "evidence to suspect that individual trading companies are illegally ma-

nipulating securities and futures exchanges," the police ministry said late Sunday. Its one-sentence statement said a criminal investigation was under-

way but gave no details of which firms were targeted. On Monday, the securities regulator ordered broker-

erly allowing customers to trade without giving their real names or to subdivide accounts to allow others to use them to trade. The stock market boom began last year after the state press said shares were cheap, which led investors to believe Beijing would intervene to prop up prices if needed. The collapse came after changes in banking regulations made investors suspect Beijing might withdraw its support. Regulators also tightened controls on lending to finance trading. Novice investors who rushed into the market near the peak have suffered heavy losses, souring sentiment toward stock investment. The price collapse could frustrate Communist Party plans to encourage the public to buy stocks and to raise money for state companies to pay off debts and become more competitive. More than 1,000 of the 2,802 companies traded on the mainland's exchanges in Shanghai and Shenzhen also have suspended trading in their shares following the plunge in prices. That has left small investors locked into shares that some are under pressure to sell to repay loans. □



A man checks on stock prices at a brokerage house in Beijing Monday, July 13, 2015. Chinese authorities have accused securities firms of manipulating share prices and allowing improper trading during the country's market plunge, in a possible effort to deflect blame for investor losses totaling several trillion dollars. (AP Photo/Andy Wong)

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Union, General Motors confident they can reach contract deal

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AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — It was all smiles and optimism Monday as the United Auto Workers union opened contract talks in an official handshake ceremony with General Motors. But the glad-handing may not last long with both sides a long way apart on a number of financial issues. GM and Ford want to cut labor costs that are \$8 to \$9 per hour higher than U.S. plants owned by Hon-

da and Toyota, while Fiat Chrysler wants to keep its costs stable. The union also wants pay raises for long-time workers, an end to lower pay for entry-level workers and new product guarantees what would create jobs at U.S. factories. Despite the differences, union officials and GM executives said they were confident at a Monday ceremony that they could negotiate a deal that will make both sides happy.

"A successful GM is good for shareholders, but it's also good for employees," CEO Mary Barra said. Yet workers also want pay increases and to "bridge the gap" between long-time workers who make \$29 per hour and entry-level workers who top out at \$19.28, UAW President Dennis Williams said. "Some of them are not part of the middle class like they should be," he said of the lower-paid workers. The union agreed to the

lower-tier wages to help the companies as they were headed into financial problems in 2007. Hourly pay rates have been essentially frozen since 2005. Although members want to do better, they also want job security, Williams said. Companies have talked about moving production to Mexico, especially in lower-margin small cars. Last week Ford said it would stop making the compact Focus and C-Max hybrid at a factory in the Detroit sub-

urb of Wayne, Michigan. Presumably the production would be moved to Mexico with the plant getting a different product. Also, earlier this year, GM announced it would start building the Chevrolet Cruze compact in Mexico in addition to a factory in Lordstown, Ohio, east of Cleveland. The union's contracts with GM, Ford and Fiat Chrysler expire Sept. 14. Talks with Fiat Chrysler open on Tuesday, while Ford's talks officially begin next week. □

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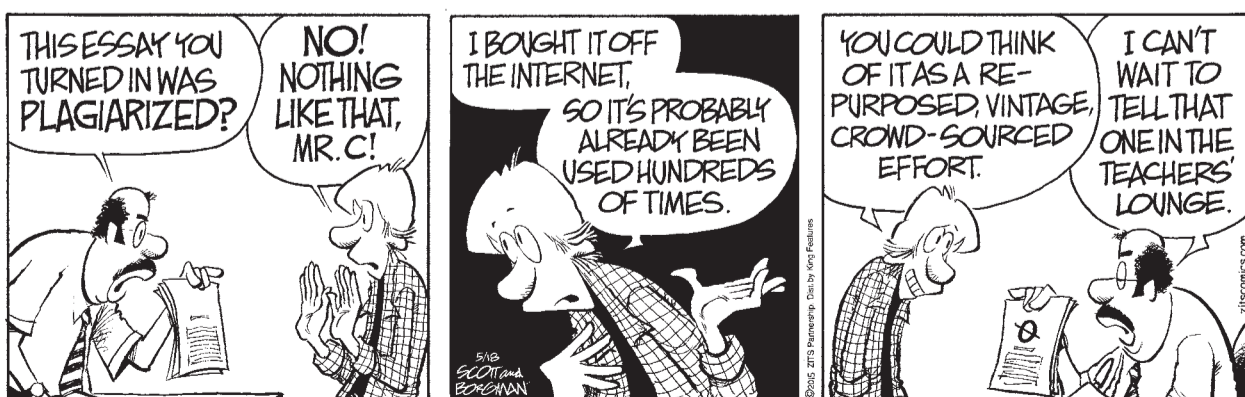
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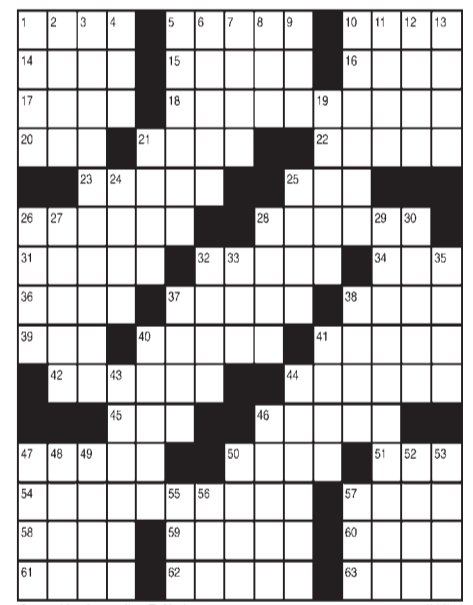
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

1	6	9	3	4	2	7	5	8
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ACROSS

- 1 Family member
- 5 Go separate ways
- 10 ___ for; sympathize with
- 14 Enthusiastic
- 15 Give a speech
- 16 Gangster
- 17 Linear measure
- 18 Giving an okay
- 20 Cool ___ cucumber
- 21 A-F connection
- 22 Sty cries
- 23 Remedies
- 25 ___ the birds; ridiculous
- 26 Poor person
- 28 Extends one's subscription
- 31 Permit
- 32 Assumed name
- 34 Stop ___ dime
- 36 ___ lights; marquee's rim
- 37 Back's opposite
- 38 Chew like a beaver
- 39 Wildebeest
- 40 Wanderer
- 41 BPOE building
- 42 School writing assignments
- 44 Hug
- 45 Cookware item
- 46 "Fantastic!"
- 47 "Take a hike!"
- 50 Marries
- 51 Blood analysis site
- 54 Nutritious
- 57 Very excited
- 58 Bulling shouts
- 59 Washing machine cycle
- 60 Individuals
- 61 Commanded
- 62 ___ wool; Brillo
- 63 Likelihood



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Poet Angelou
- 2 Gardner's namesakes
- 3 Beyond earthly explanation
- 4 Didn't ___ up; made no sense
- 5 National sport of Brazil
- 6 Nudges
- 7 Path
- 8 "___ a jungle out there!"
- 9 Peg for Trevino
- 10 Clothing
- 11 Goatee's place
- 12 Good-looking young man
- 13 Omelet maker's needs
- 19 Lunchtimes
- 21 Prepare tea
- 24 "When You Wish ___ a Star"
- 25 Skillful deed
- 26 Sharp pain
- 27 Coeur d'___ ID
- 28 Orange peel
- 29 Place in Alice's dream
- 30 Nylon mishaps
- 32 Upper limbs
- 33 Hawaii's Mauna ___
- 35 Astounds
- 37 Auto racer A.J.
- 38 Clinton's VP
- 40 Judd or Watts
- 41 Trips around the track
- 43 Meager
- 44 Short thick club
- 46 Good judgment
- 47 Highbrow
- 48 Soft drink
- 49 Regretted
- 50 Merlot or rosé
- 52 Elderly
- 53 Bony fish
- 55 Yrbk. section
- 56 Punch
- 57 Hair gel, e.g.

Amid Debate; UNESCO backs Jordan as Jesus' baptism site



Christian visitors immerse themselves in the Jordan River at the baptismal area of the Israeli-run site known as Qasr al-Yahud, located in a part of the West Bank, seen from the eastern bank of the river in South Shuna, Jordan. UNESCO recently designated Jordan's baptismal area a World Heritage site, over the Israeli-run site of Qasr al-Yahud in the West Bank, which is one of three territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war. (AP Photo/Raad Adayleh)

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AL-MAGHTAS, Jordan (AP)

— For years, Christian pilgrims have waded into the Jordan River from both its eastern and western banks to connect with a core event of their faith — the baptism of Jesus. The parallel traditions allowed Jordan and Israel to compete for tourism dollars in marketing one of Christianity's most important sites.

But now UNESCO has weighed in on the rivalry, designating Jordan's baptismal area on the eastern bank a World Heritage site. The U.N. cultural agency declared this month that the site "is believed to be" the location of Jesus' baptism, based on what it said is a view shared by most Christian churches.

The decision drew cheers in Jordan, where the num-

ber of tourists has dropped sharply since the 2011 Arab Spring and the rise of the Islamic State group. Israel has kept silent while a Palestinian official said the western baptismal site, located in an Israeli-occupied area sought for a Palestinian state, should have been included.

The UNESCO decision also raised eyebrows among some scholars. It "has nothing to do with archaeological reality," said Jodi Magness, an archaeologist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "We don't have any sites with evidence or archaeological remains that were continuously venerated from the first century on." Experts who reviewed the

Jordanian application for UNESCO acknowledged that there is no solid archaeological evidence confirming that "Bethany Beyond the Jordan," also known as al-Maghtas, Arabic for baptism, is the authentic site.

However, the Jordanian site is of "immense religious significance to the majority of denominations of Christian faith, who have accepted this site as the location" of Jesus' baptism, the experts wrote in their recommendation.

Jesus's baptism is recounted in New Testament passages as the beginning of his ministry. John 1:28 hints at a possible location, the eastern bank: "These things were done in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing."

The debate over the baptism site comes at a time of regional turmoil, including the rising threat from Islamic militants who have destroyed ancient artefacts. Jordan's tourism minister, Nayef al-Fayez, told UNESCO that Jordan is sending a message of tolerance. The kingdom's Hashemite rulers "who are the direct descendants of the Prophet Muhammad ... are the same ones who are protecting one of the holiest sites of Christianity," he said.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict also looms in the background. □

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First electric planes fly over English Channel

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Associated Press
CALAIS, France (AP) — Airbus flew its electric plane across the English Channel for the first time Friday — hours after an independent French pilot made a similar voyage, beating the aeronautics giant in this symbolically important step toward making electronic flight viable in the long term.

Several companies in different countries are developing electric planes, in hopes of offering a fuel-free flight alternative for the future — and the battle to perform world “firsts” in electric planes is heating up as the technology becomes more durable.

Amid fanfare, European planemaker Airbus flew its E-fan plane from Lydd, England, to the French port of Calais on Friday morning. The plane operates exclusively on batteries, and since there's no oil or water, the 20-foot long, 1300-pound jet releases zero emissions.

About 12 hours before Air-



French pilot Didier Esteyne thumbs up after crossing the Channel with his European planemaker Airbus E-Fan prototype, at the Calais Airport, northern France, Friday, July 10, 2015.

Associated Press

bus' Channel flight, French pilot Hugues Duval took his two-engine, one-seat Cricri plane from Calais to Dover and back.

Because he lacked authorization to take off from

Calais, another fuel-driven plane towed his 100-kilogram (220-pound) Cricri for the start of the trip, he told The Associated Press. Then he flew autonomously back to Calais and landed safely.

He said he reached a speed of 150 kilometers (90 miles) an hour on his 52-kilometer (31-mile) journey. Duval told The AP that his successful flight was a “relief” and an “important moment” after years of fine-tuning the plane and flying it over land.

Airbus officials gathered

in Calais to celebrate the landing of the E-fan would not comment on Duval's trip. The E-fan took its maiden voyage in March 2014, and has taken off 100 times since its latest flight at the Paris Air Show last month. Airbus aims to put the two-seater on the market in 2017, targeting sales at training facilities for entry-level pilots.

“It's a great victory, but it's also a start. For us it's an adventure that permits us” to imagine commercial flight on electric or hybrid planes, said pilot Didier Es-

teyne, who flew the Airbus plane Friday. “It's really the beginning of great innovations.”

The choice of flight path was not coincidental: In 1909, French pilot Louis Bleriot was the first person to fly a plane across the English Channel.

Safety was of secondary priority for Bleriot — he was concentrated on winning 1,000 pounds in prize money from the British Daily Mail newspaper by performing the feat first.

For Airbus' flight Friday, security professionals were out in full force, with helicopters and rescue speed boats trailing the E-fan.

Electric flight is a nascent sector of the aviation industry, so safety regulations are still in development. Airbus and the French civil aviation authorities worked together to create a test flight program for the jets.

While the E-fan only seats two for now, the aircraft manufacturer is aiming bigger down the line. Chief Technical Officer Jean Botti told The Associated Press at the Paris Air Show last month, “Our objective here is to make a hybrid-electric hundred seater for the future,” calling it an ambition Airbus could realize in the next 15 years.

Slovenian company Pipistrel was also hoping to send its electric plane across the Channel this week. □

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In this May 17, 2015 file photo, 50 Cent arrives at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Associated Press

50 Cent files for bankruptcy protection after losing lawsuit

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HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The rapper 50 Cent, known for the album "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," has filed for bankruptcy.

The artist, whose real name is Curtis Jackson III, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Hartford on Monday, days after a jury ordered him to pay \$5 million in an invasion-of-privacy lawsuit. He owns a 50,000-square-foot mansion in nearby Farmington. The filing lists both the assets and liabilities for the rapper and actor as between \$10 million and \$50 million and indicates his debts are primarily consumer and not business related.

The filing comes after a New York jury on Friday ordered Jackson to pay \$5 million to a woman who said he acquired a video she made with her boyfriend, added himself as a crude commentator and posted it online without her permission.

The jury this week was scheduled to deliberate on possible further, punitive damages in Lastonia Leviston's invasion-of-privacy lawsuit against Jackson. But the filing may put the trial on hold. Jackson did not appear as scheduled Monday to testify about his finances because of the bankruptcy filing, his lawyer said.

"Mr. Jackson's business interests will continue unaffected in the ordinary course during the pen-

dency of the Chapter 11 case," attorney William A. Brewer III said in a statement. "This filing for personal bankruptcy protection permits Mr. Jackson to continue his involvement with various business interests and continue his work as an entertainer."

The lawsuit stems from a 13-minute video that appeared online in 2009, featuring a wig-wearing 50 Cent as a narrator dubbed Pimpin' Curly. He makes explicit remarks about the images and taunts rap rival Rick Ross, who isn't in the video but had previously had a daughter with Leviston. At the time the video surfaced, Ross and 50 Cent were trading barbs via video, lyrics and interviews. Jackson got the tape from the man in it, Leviston's boyfriend at the time. The rapper said that he didn't actually post the video but that Leviston's then-boyfriend said she wouldn't mind if he did.

A message seeking comment on the bankruptcy filing was left for Leviston's attorney. 50 Cent burst to the fore of gangsta rap with 2003's "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" its lead single, "In Da Club," and a tough life story that included having been shot nine times.

Jackson is an admitted former crack dealer who has built an empire beyond entertainment. He invested early in Vitamin Water and has expanded his business interests into clothing and audio equipment. □

Harper Lee's attorney recalls finding 'Watchman' manuscript



In this Aug. 20, 2007, file photo, author Harper Lee, smiles during a ceremony honoring the four new members of the Alabama Academy of Honor at the Capitol in Montgomery, Ala.; and in this book cover released by Harper shows "Go Set A Watchman," a follow-up to Harper Lee's "To Kill A Mockingbird." The book will be released on July 14. Associated Press

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AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Harper Lee's attorney has provided her fullest accounting yet of how she came upon the manuscript for "Go Set a Watchman," which comes out Tuesday.

She is also raising the possibility of a third book by the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird," a suggestion challenged by a leading biographer.

In an op-ed piece posted late Sunday on the Wall Street Journal's web site, Tonja Carter wrote that last summer she was at a gathering of Lee's friends and family members when "talk turned" to a possible second novel by the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird." According to Carter, it was the first time she had heard of the book's existence. She then searched in a safe deposit box that contained some of Lee's papers and found "Watchman" underneath "a significant number of pages of another typed text."

"I immediately went to Nelle," Carter wrote, referring to Lee's first name, which she is often called by. "I said, 'Nelle, when I was in the safe-deposit box, I found something.' She said, 'What?' I said, 'It's a manuscript of a novel called 'Go Set the Watchman.' She said, 'It's 'Go Set a Watchman.'"

"I asked, 'Is it finished?' Nelle replied, 'I guess it's

finished, it's the parent of 'Mockingbird.'"

Calling herself Lee's "estate trustee, lawyer and friend," Carter also disputed recent reports that she had learned of "Watchman" a few years earlier, during a review of some of Lee's papers that included a Sotheby's appraiser and then-Lee attorney Samuel Pinkus. Contradicting statements by Pinkus, Carter said she was not in the room at the time "Watchman" might have been discussed and that no one mentioned the book to her.

Lee sued Pinkus in 2013, alleging that he had "duped" her into signing over the copyright of "Mockingbird." They settled months later.

Until Sunday, Carter had said little about "Watchman." Set in Lee's fictional Maycomb, Alabama in the 1950s, "Watchman" was written before "Mockingbird," but takes place 20 years later. Lukewarm reviews and reports of the book's raw account of an elderly, racist Atticus Finch have not prevented "Watchman" from holding the No. 1 spot on Amazon.com's best-seller list. "Mockingbird," published in 1960, was No. 2 as of midday Monday.

Carter has been the object of skepticism since February, when HarperCollins revealed the stunning news that a second

novel from Lee would be released. Many wondered whether the 89-year-old Lee, who has poor hearing and eyesight and lives in an assisted facility in her native Monroeville, had approved the publication. Alabama state officials, responding to at least one complaint, met with her and concluded she was alert and aware of the book's release.

At the end of her op-ed piece, Carter suggested that the "typed text" in the box of papers could be an early "Watchman" draft or a third book "bridging" the stories of "Mockingbird" and "Watchman." Lee's literary agent, Andrew Nurnberg, has previously said that he has seen old letters between Lee and her then-agent that indicated "Mockingbird" was part of a planned trilogy.

"In the coming months, experts, at Nelle's direction, will be invited to examine and authenticate all the documents in the safe-deposit box," Carter wrote.

Charles J. Shields, author of "Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee," said Monday that he had never seen any indication that Lee was working on a trilogy.

"To the contrary, her agent, Annie Laurie Williams, wrote to her a year after the publication of 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' encouraging her to have another novel soon," Shields wrote in an email. □

Schumer walks into Hollywood, and leaves armed with material

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A recurring feeling has accompanied Amy Schumer's rapid ascent in show business.

"It's always: I walk in a room thinking maybe I belong in here," she says over a plate of meatballs at a Greenwich Village cafe. "And then I get reminded quickly that I don't. But then no one really does. And I'm going to do it again."

It's getting hard to find a room too big or too prestigious for the 34-year-old Schumer. In her rise to becoming one of the pre-eminent stand-ups in the country, Schumer has emerged as one of the sharpest, wittiest commentators on gender in America. Her humor — satirical, raunchy, absurdist — is built on a fresh and on-point feminism, alert to both the injustices of sexism and the helpless farce of the sexes. She's turned her Peabody-winning Comedy Central show, "Inside Amy Schumer," into a spinning collider of gender roles, firing out weekly, instantly viral parodies of men and women, in bed and on screens.

In "Trainwreck," a comedy she wrote and stars in due out Friday, Schumer wades into movies for the first time. Her arrival in Hollywood, like many of her



In this Sunday, June 28, 2015 photo, Amy Schumer poses for a portrait at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows in Santa Monica, Calif. Associated Press

punchlines, is well timed. Her voice feels particularly valuable to a movie industry wrestling with gender equality.

It's a conversation Schumer has already joined, most notably in a sketch about the expiration date of sexual attractiveness for women in Hollywood. In it, Tina Fey and Patricia Arquette toasted Julia Louis-Dreyfus' final day.

Schumer's introduction to the superficiality of Hollywood, she reckons, has already given her 20 minutes of new material. The jokes have included her expectation a more attractive actress, "a Kate" (like Kate Upton or Kate Middleton), would be cast in her place, and her insistence that her Los Angeles experience has proven she'll never be a movie star.

"Definitely not," she confirmed in a recent interview. "I'm not doing it. I don't like anything that comes along with it. I don't like it so much that I don't know if I would ever do it again. I left the press junket like, 'Stand-up's cool.'"

Yet "Trainwreck," directed by Judd Apatow, has already won glowing reviews for its crude humor and sweet authenticity. It flips the usual conventions of a romantic comedy. Schumer plays a serial dater and the men (Bill Hader, flanked by his protective friend, LeBron James) are the ones yearning for a second date.

It wasn't a conscious inversion, she says, but is simply true to her experience. One of her most famous sketches, a full-episode version of "12 Angry Men" in

which jurors weigh whether Schumer is hot enough for TV, also came from a blogger's comments.

"I'm trying to do my part, just so people can feel comfortable in their own skin," she says. "I don't think we should throw out all the hot people. But people are actually OK with looking at people other than models. They actually kind of like it." That underlying message of self-acceptance has made Schumer a kind of comic everywoman candidly baring her anxieties and embarrassments — and triumphs over them — for an understanding audience.

"It's you saying, 'Yeah, isn't it ridiculous I had to go through this?' And their laughter is saying, 'Yes, that sounds horrible!'" she says. Schumer has given moving, personal speeches ("I say if I'm beautiful. I say if I'm strong," at the Gloria Awards) and hysterically unapologetic ones.

"I am really in it to talk to the women in the crowd, if I'm being totally honest," she says. "But what I've found is that the men want to hear it, too. They're interested, and they want to empower the women in their lives. And women are just as much to blame as men for why we're not able to understand each other." Her talent has lured

not just Apatow but Chris Rock (director of her upcoming HBO special) and Madonna, whom Schumer will open for in September. In Manhattan, where the Long Island-native lives, she's now constantly recognized by passionate followers. "It's not like 'You're the funny girl.' It's like, 'I love you,'" she says.

"I'm always impressed with people that find a way to do this work, which is so difficult, and have a blast," says Apatow, who contacted Schumer after hearing her on Howard Stern. "She has a great team supporting her and I think she's found a way to be a great leader at that show."

Jessi Klein, the head writer of "Inside Amy Schumer," describes Schumer as an unusually dedicated comic who will spend a day shooting and then rush to perform a set or two at night. Klein said the writers' room (where Schumer's sister, Kim, also works) is humming with a sense of limitless material ripe for parody. "I don't think a lot of shows have tackled these issues yet in a way that's funny and real," says Stein. "Amy, obviously, is a really distinctive voice, and it feels like we're talking about stuff that people haven't really talked about so far, and that hopefully they will now." □



In this July 1, 2015 photo, singer Miguel poses for a portrait to his new album "Wildheart", in New York. Associated Press

MESFIN FEKADU

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Too proper for the black kids, too black for the Mexicans," Miguel sings on the song, "what's normal anyway." The R&B star, who is black

and Mexican, explores his racial identity and more on the track, which he calls "the spine" of his new album, "Wildheart."

"It was a challenge for people to understand. It was always a question of, 'What

Singer Miguel explores race, finds new voice on 3rd album

are you? Where do you come from?" the 29-year-old Los Angeleno said. "And I guess it kind of rubs off on you ... and you wonder, 'Who do I identify with more?' The opening line is kind of like the beginning — it was part of my personal journey."

The song features the refrain "I never feel like I belong," and the sound marks a departure for the singer, whose No. 1 R&B hits include "Sure Thing," "Lotus Flower Bomb" and the Grammy-winning "Adorn," which helped Miguel cross over to pop.

He says race is an issue America needs to tackle quickly, especially in the wake of Donald Trump's comments about some Mexican immigrants being rapists, criminals and drug dealers. Trump's statements led numerous businesses to cut ties with him, including Macy's, and cost the Miss USA pageant, which Trump partially owns, its telecasts on NBC and Univision.

"Hopefully we're ready as a culture to face it head on and not put a Band-Aid on it in some ways and pacify it in some ways. It's a real pivotal time and there's a

way to hopefully start affecting the way we are programmed to look at each other because it really does come down to the way people are portrayed in the media that carries on into our perceptions in real life," Miguel said.

"It's disgusting, it really is disgusting," he added of Trump's comments

"Wildheart," which debuted at No. 2 on Billboard's 200 albums and R&B/Hip-Hop albums charts last week, ditches his radio-ready sound for a more artistic approach. He calls the album "a lot more aggressive." □

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